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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 12/5/2001 / 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 12/5/2000

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by
[signature]*

Mine Name: Star Point Mine County: Carbon Permit Number:
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Plateau Mining Corporation
Business Address: 847 Northwest Highway 191, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Johnny Pappas
State Official(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Cold, Temp in 20's, Snow covered mine site
Existing Acreage: Permitted 9060 Disturbed 220 Regraded Seeded
Status: Active Reclamation XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PERMIT NUMBER: C/007/006

DATE OF INSPECTION: 1/23/2001

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

GENERAL COMMENTS

A partial inspection was completed on January 23, 2001. No violations were issued as a result of this inspection.

Plateau Mine is in the reclamation stage. The portals have been sealed. The Mud Water and Corner Canyon's are tentatively completed and appear to meet the reclamation plan. Next spring both are subject to a validation with the Division, USFS, and others to determine if additional work must be done. Mine machinery and other items have been removed from under ground to the surface. The demolition work is underway throughout the mine disturbed area.

Phillips Petroleum is interested in drilling several wells on the lands that Plateau has coal leases on. A meeting was held last week to get an idea on Phillips proposal, please see the attached field visit report for more discussion. Groups that attended included Phillips Petroleum and their contractor, SITLA, Plateau Mining, and the Division. It was the consensus that Phillips Petroleum had to consider rearranging their current drilling plan. They agreed to discuss this matter with their supervisor and get back to the Division on the group suggestion.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Identification signs are in place where public roads interface with the permit boundary. Also, other signs include topsoil and refuse pile signs. Stream buffer zone sign marks the encroachment approved areas adjacent to streams. The disturbed boundary is marked. The permittee has marked each fuel and fluid tank as to content. This meets the coal rules.

3. TOPSOIL

There are three topsoil areas. All have signs installed. The topsoil areas are protected from water erosion with appropriately placed sediment control devices.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

There are approximately sixteen miles of constructed diversions within the disturbed and interfacing undisturbed area. This includes water conveyance systems of over 80 ditches and 32 culverts and berms that control and direct runoff. The diversions are designed. Spot-checked the diversion. There is no runoff currently taking place because of the cold weather. The inspected diversion met the requirements of the coal rules.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

There are nine sediment ponds and three water impoundments. The sediment ponds provide sediment control for the majority of the disturbed areas. There are four BTCA's. The runoff from these areas is treated and controlled by alternative sediment control measures. The water impoundments are associated with the coal wash plant. No hazardous conditions were noticed.

None of the sediment ponds were discharging during the inspection.

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4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

Silt fences provide the sediment control on the BTCA areas. The mine has installed redundant sediment control measures including straw bales, silt fences, sumps, and check dams to retain sediment near the source. All sediment control was working effectively.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Didn't have a chance to do the water monitoring since the records are at Willow Creek. However, discussed with Dave Darby and he plans to come down in the February inspection where we will review the fourth quarter records. The third quarter was reviewed in a complete inspection.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The coal mine waste disposal area, as approved by the Division, covers an area of approximately 69 acres. The refuse pile approved design includes outslopes not to exceed 2:1, an MSHA berm, a sloping pile with positive drainage, diversions designed to meet the 6 hr 100 year storm event, and a commitment on restricting non-coal waste and the storage of combustible materials within the refuse pile. The refuse pile meets the intent of the coal rules.

Sunnyside Cogeneration is in discussion with Plateau Mining on the refuse pile. A proposal is under discussion where Sunnyside Cogeneration is interested in acquiring the refuse pile and the disturbed area that drains into ponds 5, 6, and 9.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

Non-coal waste is being stored in several areas. At this time, not all of the equipment brought from the underground mine has been classified as usable or as noncoal waste.

Inspector's Signature: _____



Wm. J. Malencik #26

Date: January 31, 2001

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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